

Re:EX16.23 - Appendix 5

McNicoll PS and Silver Creek
Response from public organization: MCYS

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Dear Mr. Gowdy:

In response to your letter on behalf of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Lands Corporation on February 22, 2016, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) is identifying an initial interest in the McNicoll and Silver Creek schools.

MCYS currently funds Adventure Place and Etobicoke Children's Centre to provide childrens services at McNicoll and Silver Creek school sites respectively. Although the extent of programming does not utilize the full capacity of the buildings, both agencies have expressed their interest in the sites and have responded to the February 22nd letter to signal their interest.

MCYS is working with our inter-governmental partners to explore options for the use of these two schools to support provincially funded services within the respective communities.

The ministry is currently undertaking internal due diligence work regarding these properties and local programming needs. As this work occurs, MCYS will continue to communicate to the Toronto Lands Corporation as part of a coordinated provincial government response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Bezzina".

Alexander Bezzina
Deputy Minister